

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 30**

##### **District 1 Commercial Period 8**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area  
Fall Season Emergency Order # 28

##### **District 1 Commercial Fishing:**

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in the **Set Net Only Area** of District Y-1 from **1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Friday, August 11**. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period for the **Set Net Only Area** with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

The **remainder of District Y-1** will be open to commercial fishing from **3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Friday, August 11**. This will be a 7-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Commercial gillnet fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. Chinook salmon retained from commercial gillnet gear must be recorded on a fish ticket as retained but not sold.

Verbal reports from District 1 period 7 commercial opening on August 8 indicate a preliminary harvest of 3,017 fall chum and 781 coho salmon from 155 deliveries. The preliminary total commercial harvest to date in District 1 is 147,850 fall chum and 2,692 coho salmon.

##### **Reminders to fishermen in District 1:**

During subsistence salmon fishing closures in District 1, the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers near Apoon Pass are closed. These 2 rivers are also closed to commercial fishing, including 500 yards around the mouths.

**District 1 Subsistence Fishing:**

Subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets, except for closures before, during, and after commercial fishing periods. **In District 1, for this short notice commercial period subsistence salmon fishing will close at 12:00 noon Friday, August 11, and reopen at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 12.** Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day, toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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